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The Rural Electrification Administration has today appointed F. Harper Craddock of Centralia, Washington, as Chief of the REA Rate Section. He succeeds H. Zinder, who has been transferred to the Federal Power Commission to undertake important duties there.

Mr. Craddock, a native of Oklahoma, was graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1917. He served for several years as Chief Engineer of the State of Washington Department of Public Works, at Olympia, and was employed as valuation and rate engineer by several Northwest utility companies. He entered Federal Government service in May, 1935, making cost studies for the Federal Communications Commission until October, 1936, when he came to REA as Assistant Chief of the Rate Section.

Mr. Craddock will continue, as chief, the work which he and Mr. Zinder have been directing for some time. Assistance in negotiating wholesale power contracts for REA projects and help in arriving at satisfactory retail rate schedules are the chief activities of this section. During the last calendar year, the Rate Section has been successful in obtaining widespread reductions in wholesale rate quotations to cooperatives, the average price charged dropping from over $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per kilowatt hour to about $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents. Much of this reduction has been accomplished through close cooperation with progressive State regulatory agencies.

